

Building 141-Watertown Arsenal/ Guardhouse
(Watertown Redevelopment Authority Building)
463 Arsenal Street
Watertown
Middlesex County
Massachusetts

HABS No. MA-1009

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PHOTOGRAPHS
HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN OR VICINITY Watertown	9-WAT0 6-
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Building 141 - Watertown Arsenal/Guardhouse *			HABS NO. MA-1009
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Watertown Redevelopment Authority Building			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 463 Arsenal Street, Watertown, Mass.			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1868 *		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A good example of late 19th Century architecture which has undergone a number of unfortunate modifications. It was originally a guard house for the Watertown Arsenal. Characteristic mid nineteenth century showing Greek Revival massing and details (corner columns) with Italianate details (drip molding and cupola). **			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Modified Greek Revival / Italianate details such as ^{cupola} lintels **			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick exterior, wood frame interior, stone foundation			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Modified rectangle 44 X 66' - See Sketch			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A portico on the southern facade has been removed and replaced by a garage door. Interesting cupola, fine cornice brick work and stone arched windows at eaves are other notable features.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior has been entirely remodeled and there are no historic features visible. The floor is carpeted and the walls have formica paneling.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Dates of alterations unknown. One story front and side additions, lights replaced. **			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair-to-Good condition-used as offices for the Watertown Redevelopment Authority			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) *Judy Dobbs, "A History of the Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Massachusetts 1816-1967"			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Michael Giuliano Gilbane Properties, Providence, Rhode Island			DATE October 31, 1980

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